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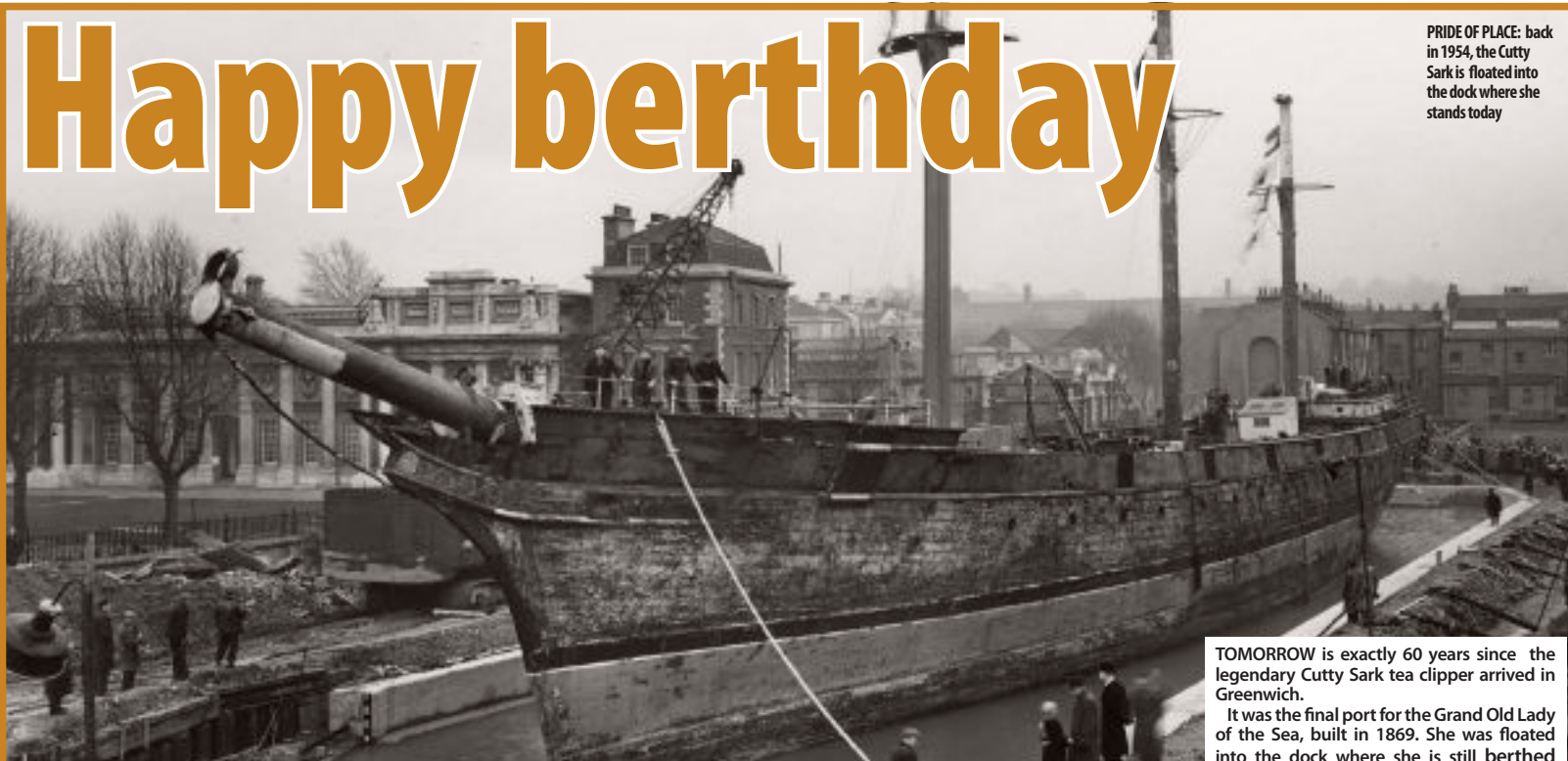
No longer suffering in silence

Reports and prosecutions have increased thanks to a dedicated team set up to support victims of domestic abuse

Domestic violence is a leading cause of death and injury in the UK. It is a crime that affects people from all backgrounds and ages. The Royal Borough of Greenwich has a dedicated team to support victims of domestic abuse. This team provides a range of services, including advice, support, and referrals to specialist services. The team also works to raise awareness of domestic abuse and to prevent it from happening in the first place.



Happy birthday



PRIDE OF PLACE: back in 1954, the Cutty Sark is floated into the dock where she stands today

TOMORROW is exactly 60 years since the legendary Cutty Sark tea clipper arrived in Greenwich.

It was the final port for the Grand Old Lady of the Sea, built in 1869. She was floated into the dock where she is still berthed

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Cutty Sark celebrates 60 years in Greenwich

Help for our high streets

THE royal borough is making a bid for almost £1m to help our high streets.

The council has submitted three bids and is endorsing a fourth totalling £800,000 from the London Mayor's £9 million High Street Fund, designed to improve shopping centres and make them more appealing for both locals and visitors alike.

The cash is available to local councils and community groups who can show that their plans will transform local

by Dick Townsend-Smith

high streets. A decision on the bids is expected in January. If successful, money from the bid will help to boost business, create more jobs, and enhance the local economy.

The bids are being to help regenerate shopping parades in Eltham, New Eltham, Abbey Wood and Plumstead.

A £450,000 bid for Eltham would see the redevelopment of the former public toilets and tram shelter next to Eltham

Parish Church at the junction of Well Hall Road and Eltham High Street. Instead, a new building on the side would be used for community and business activities, including helping start-ups and giving local people the chance to gain skills and jobs. The new development would complement the Eltham Cinema scheme, the new community hospital and other improvements to streets and shops.

Abbey Wood is set for a major transformation when the high-speed

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2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am, and 4th Friday of the month at 6pm.
3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.
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LETTERS

I remember 50s anti spitting plaques

I'M so glad to see someone register for spitting in the street in your November 25 edition. The amount of people you see doing it, even some teenage girls doing it, is disgusting. T.B is on the rise so something has to be done. Years ago in the 1950s I remember plaques on lampposts saying 'spitting prohibited' and threatening a fine. I can't remember how much now, but it was quite a lot at the time. I think that children in school should be educated about not spitting as they probably don't know the health risks. Thank you for your paper, I look forward to reading it each week.

Mrs Pamela Green, Abbey Wood.

● A spokesperson for Greenwich Council said: "People who behave

in an unacceptable way in our public spaces by spitting and dropping litter should expect to be given penalty notices by our town centre wardens. In the recent case you refer to, the royal borough successfully pursued legal action against an individual when a fixed notice penalty was not paid, resulting in a court ordering them to pay over £600 in fines and costs.

● GP Clinical Commissioner of NHS Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Dr Eugenia Lee said: "Spitting in the street is a disgusting habit, considered anti-social and can present a small risk for spreading some particularly infectious diseases such as influenza and the common cold. We would urge residents to refrain from public spitting."

Write to: GT Letters, Communications Team, Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ or email greenwichtime@outlook.com with your full address (not for publication). We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

Woolwich tree a disappointment

AM I the only person who finds the Christmas tree in Woolwich town centre to be quite unacceptable? The lights decorating the tree are in no way traditional. The object which was at the top of the tree has already fallen down which is maybe a good thing as it bears no resemblance to a traditional star. What happened to the lights which used to illuminate the trees round the square?

Jill Redmond, Woolwich

● A spokesperson for Greenwich Council said: "We have had a

many comments saying how much people like the lights on the tree – they are very festive and a considerable improvement on previous years lights. Unfortunately, the contractor placed a star on the top which was too heavy to be supported by the tree and this caused the star to sag. They have now agreed to correct the faults – and the work will be carried out by the end of this week. The tree lights were funded from a one-off payment made available in 2011. Over time some of the lights have failed and the remaining ones have been installed in locations where they can be maintained."

Pic Spot... send yours to greenwichtime@outlook.com



KARL PARKER: 'A view of Eltham Park South at 6.50am'

No time wasted with online service

IN this day and age we can do online banking and shopping round the clock. So I was really pleased to see that I could now order and pay for my compostable wastesacks on the council's website – and they actually arrived three days later. Could next thing be 'click and collect'?

Mr J O'Connor, Greenwich

● A spokesperson for Greenwich Council said: "We are glad that you are happy with the new online service. The ability to order and pay for compostable bags on our website is just the first of a number of new e-enabled services we are developing. Look out for online resident parking permit renewals and a new 'report it' form for potholes, fly-tipping, graffiti launching over the next few months."

Receive email alerts on council news and events

Sign up for an account on the royal borough's website to receive the latest on a range of local topics, from events and activities to business advice and travel information. Visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/register

ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

December 11 - Licensing sub committee B, 6pm, committee room 6
Safer & Stronger communities scrutiny panel, 7pm, committee room 4
Glyndon & West Plumstead local housing panel, 7pm, Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road, Woolwich.

December 15 - Planning board, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5
December 16 - Overview and Scrutiny, 7pm, committee Room 5
Eltham Local Housing panel, 7pm, St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham
December 17 - Council, council chamber
December 18 - Licensing sub committee B, 5pm, committee Room 6

December 30 - Overview & Scrutiny Call-In Sub-Committee, 5.30pm, committee Room 6
January 5 - Members' Training: Planning / Development Control, 7pm
January 6 - Licensing Sub-Committee A, 5pm, committee Room 6
Charlton & Carnbrook Local Housing Panel, 7pm,
January 7 - Sustainable Communities & Transport Scrutiny Panel, 7pm,

committee Room 6
January 8 - Social Inclusion Scrutiny Panel, 7pm, committee Room 4
January 12 - Pension Fund Investment & Administration Panel, 10.30am, committee Room 4
January 13 - Greenwich Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm, Room 4 and 5, Town Hall
Long Walk Local Housing Panel, 6.30pm, Town Hall

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

We would advise you to check before you travel.

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Christ Church pupils enjoy WWI 'coming home party'

Tea and flat caps

CHRIST Church Primary School in Shooters Hill have been commemorating the centenary of World War I across a full day

inspired by 1914. The whole school took part in the day off timetable on Thursday November 20 to learn about WWI in a history filled day where children and staff dressed up in period fancy dress. The school's younger year groups took part in WWI themed work during lesson time and made collage

poppies while the school's older pupils wrote wartime inspired letters and poems. At the end of the school day the children all enjoyed a welcome home WWI themed tea party where they ate traditional wartime food. The day also featured a guest actor who portrayed a British soldier from WWI who entertained and educated the children

about what life was like in wartime trenches. Ms Katie Joyce, reception teacher and the school's community cohesion coordinator, said: "It was a fantastic day that was very well received by the children and parents. The children took so much from the experience and really enjoyed being hands on and were really engaged."



TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE: Christ Church Primary School children dress up in 1914 fashion with teacher Mrs Beverley for a WWI inspired tea party

Share memories of clipper's arrival

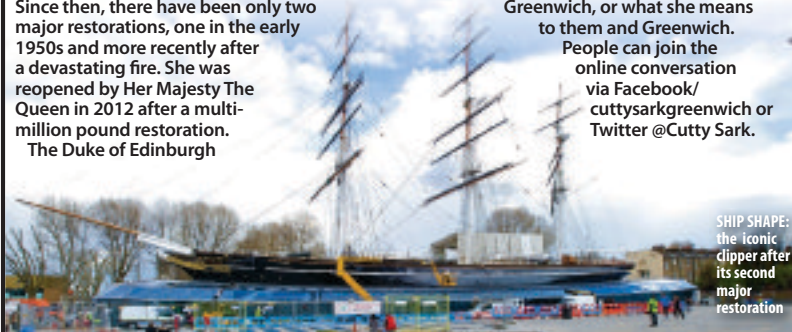
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today. The ship was brought to Greenwich as an icon of the bygone era of sail, and a memorial to the Merchant Navy.

Although the ship was not open to the public for a further three years, 1954 marked the beginning of her restoration. Since then, there have been only two major restorations, one in the early 1950s and more recently after a devastating fire. She was reopened by Her Majesty The Queen in 2012 after a multi-million pound restoration. The Duke of Edinburgh

became the vessel's patron in 1953. Since then she has held a special place in the hearts and minds of Greenwich people. As part of the 60th anniversary people are being asked to share their memories of the ship, such as remembering her arrival in Greenwich, or what she means to them and Greenwich.

People can join the online conversation via Facebook/ cuttysarkgreenwich or Twitter @Cutty Sark.



SHIP SHAPE: the iconic clipper after its second major restoration

Call for Civic Award names

LOCAL people have until January 9 2015 to give the outstanding people in their community the recognition they deserve by nominating them for the Civic Awards 2015.

The royal borough is running the annual Civic Awards, for individuals, organisations or businesses who have made a difference to the social, economic and physical wellbeing of Royal Greenwich.

People can make their nominations now for the awards to be presented in March 2015.

Categories are as follows:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Achiever of the Year
- Contribution to the Community Award

- Business and Innovation Award
- Contribution to Economic Prosperity
- Contribution to Culture, Sports and the Arts
- Contribution to Public Service in Royal Greenwich
- Contribution to Health in Royal Greenwich
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Christmas crackers!

Offers you can't refuse

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- Passionflower - 10% off plants bought/ordered on the day
- Apple 'N' Orange - free local delivery on Christmas trees purchased between December 6&20

- Burn it Fitness - 10% off all services
- Mental Health Activity Trust, Charity shop - buy one and get one free on all books

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- Top Chef - Free tea or coffee with a sausage or bacon roll
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- Lush Designs - 3 for 2 on hardback Lush designs notebooks
- Efes - 10% off main course (lunchtime only)
- Lockskeys - 10% off key cutting (December 20 only)
- Winstons Café - free tea or coffee with meal
- Woolwich Express Dry Cleaners - 10% off when you spend over £25. Mention Greenwich Time in advance
- The Blue Nile - 2 free cups of Eritrean 'kemem' tea with meals, offer applies to meal orders on December 20&21
- Viet Baguette - Free cold drink with any order on mention of Greenwich Time offer
- Kailash Momo - Freshly made momo (dumpling) 10 pieces per portion for £4
- Avery Truman - Spend £15 or more and get 10% off on December 20
- Earl of Chatham - 10% off food orders until 11pm on mention of Greenwich Time offer
- Koffees & Cream - Breakfast special available all day, full English Breakfast with tea or coffee for £3.49
- St James Pharmacy - 10% discount on Vichy products
- Time Check Jewellers - 10% discount on all sales on mention of GT feature
- Taste of the Caribbean - £4.50 Lunch special including drink on December 20
- Favourite Inn - Sunday Buffet from 12pm to 6pm, £9.90 for adults and £5.90 for children

- Check for further offers at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/christmas



OPEN FOR OFFERS: businesses-owners in Eltham and Woolwich, below, prepare to welcome shoppers

Local shops offer discounts to Christmas shoppers

by Dick Townsend-Smith

WITH just two weeks to go, the royal borough has great news for people doing their Christmas shopping.

The council is making it a lot easier and more convenient by providing a weekend of free car parking in council car parks so everyone can make the most of the borough's wide range of shops.

All council-operated car parks will be free for up to three hours over the weekend of December 20 and 21.

Ten car parks will be free over the weekend - including the one at Charlton Village which is free all the time and the Woolwich car parks which are already free on Sundays. Shoppers still need to pay to park on the street.

● See the full list at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/councilcarparks

But that's not the only Christmas cracker. Shops, cafes and restaurants have announced a wide range of special offers between now and the big day. Hard on the heels of last weekend's Small Business Saturday, scores will be offering valuable discounts so people can make their cash stretch further.

Traders have devised and organised their offers with the support of royal borough business support advisers who are working

hard to encourage local people to do their Christmas shopping at local highstreets and town centres.

Cllr Sizwe James, the council's cabinet member for business, employment and skills, said: "Small Business Saturday was a big success in the borough, and now there's another opportunity for people to shop locally and get even better value for money. Just about everything that anyone would want to find under the Christmas tree will be available in our shops, so make someone happy and pick up a bargain at the same time."



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High street fund bid

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Crossrail line opens in 2018. Six million pounds is already being spent in the area around the new station for new pavements, disabled parking and cycle lanes. The new funding bid would provide an extra £300,000 to help the area grow. Restaurants and shops along Wilton Road would see shopfront and internal improvements, and independent traders would get expert business support to help them grow.

In New Eltham the bid to the London Mayor's Fund has come from two community groups - the Community Association of New Eltham and New Eltham Residents' Association, who are asking for £20,000 to boost the local economy and improve community spirit. A New Eltham Business

Association would be set up to support traders, together with a new community festival and better street signs.

The council has also bid for £20,000 to spend on Plumstead High Street to make it more attractive and encourage more people to visit.

Cllr Danny Thorpe, the council's cabinet member for regeneration and transport, said: "Each bid reflects a strongly-felt local desire to promote community spirit and encourage more retailers and businesses of all kinds to invest in our local high streets."

"Local businesses will in turn be among those to reap the economic rewards of more people choosing to live, visit and shop on our high streets. The plans associated with each bid will also play a welcome role in increasing job opportunities, and I hope that we can look forward to good news on each of the bids in the New Year."

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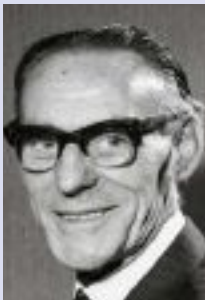
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Former mayor dies at 98

FORMER Greenwich mayor Norman Sims (pictured right) passed away at the age of 98 on Tuesday last week. He served the royal borough as mayor from 1978-79. He was first elected in 1965 serving the wards of Eynsham, St Mary's and Arsenal as well as sitting on various committees until 1982. His funeral will be held at 10am on Wednesday December 17, at Eltham Crematorium.



New historic image website

THE Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust has launched a new website giving access to hundreds of historic images. The new site at www.boroughphotos.org/greenwich lets you browse historic images for free, as well as giving you the chance to buy your favourite image direct from the project partner, Max Communications. The site has images dating from as early as the 1820s up to the 1990s with an interactive map that can be browsed to find images from a specific address anywhere across the borough.

Cash from crooks to help young people

CASH seized from criminals has been donated by the police to charities that help young people in the borough.

A total of £7,000 was recovered after a police operation by the council-funded Greenwich Violent and Organised Crime Unit (VOCU).

Detectives from Plumstead police station saw two Thamesmead men jailed for 14 years at Woolwich Crown Court for conspiracy to supply class A drugs and money laundering.

Officers asked the judge to assign the cash to three charities with the money being split between the Greenwich Islamic Centre Football programme in Plumstead, the St Giles Trust and the Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT).

Detective Chief Inspector Mike Balcombe from Greenwich said: "We asked the judge if the money recovered during our operation could be donated to charities. We ought to support all those who help young people, give them hope and prevent them from getting involved in crime. We plan to talk to each charity and see how the money can be put to good use."

Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for community safety, said: "It is fitting that the proceeds from this criminal activity, successfully halted by the VOCU team, will now support young people from across the borough to engage in positive and rewarding activities."

The police can confiscate cash under the Proceeds of Crime Act (2002) if they believe it has been obtained illegitimately or is likely to be used for illegitimate purposes.



BY HAND: Cllr Jackie Smith and Police Chief Helen Millichap deliver their letter to Lesley and Keith Tuckley at the Earl of Chatham in Woolwich

All bar fun

Festive campaign launched to help keep revellers safe

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A CHRISTMAS campaign has been launched to help keep the borough as safe and trouble-free as possible as revellers drink a toast to the festive season.

The police and council are working together to encourage pub landlords and managers to keep an eye out for excessive drinking, turn down noisy music, and help their customers get home safely.

Police officers are delivering a letter by hand to every licensed premises in the borough, giving tips to help licensees support the campaign. A key element is asking them to take all steps necessary to avoid under-18s being sold alcohol or have it bought for them.

One of the letters was delivered in person to the Earl of Chatham pub in Woolwich by the borough's police chief, Det Chief Supt Helen Millichap, and Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for community safety and environment.

Licenses Keith and Lesley Tuckley

said: "We always encourage our customers to be sensible throughout the year, but that is particularly important at this time because many more people want to get together and celebrate with a drink."

Greenwich Borough Commander Helen Millichap said: "Many licensed premises across the borough work hard throughout the party season to ensure safe and responsible festivities, causing no concerns to the police and our dedicated licence officers."

"We expect all licensees in Greenwich to take responsibility for the impact their venues have on their local community. We'd like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time without disturbances or disruption."

And Cllr Smith added: "We want people to enjoy themselves at Christmas, but we also want them to be safe. This campaign is a good opportunity for us to work with the police to encourage people to enjoy themselves, but in a way that is responsible and considerate to other people."

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HOT WHEELS:
A glimpse
of what
the clever
driverless car
is expected to
look like

Driving into the future

by Dan Stephens

GREENWICH has further cemented its reputation as one of the country's leading Smart Cities when it was chosen with a handful of other locations in the UK to pilot 'driverless' vehicles.

The successful bid, which means that Greenwich will be awarded £8 million to test the new technology, was led by the Transport Research Laboratory with key partners including the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the University of Greenwich.

There will be three different types of zero emission automated vehicles being tested in Greenwich, which is of course the home of the 'Prime Meridian' - the global reference point for time and navigation.

The trials will aim to demonstrate the benefits of 'driverless' vehicles to the public and the car industry, in order to try and ensure that the technology is adopted by car manufacturers around the world. Safety will be of paramount importance during the trials, which will not take place on public roads.

Royal borough council leader Cllr Denise Hyland welcomed the news.

She told GT: "This is a fantastic coup for the royal borough and demonstrates our growing reputation as one of the UK's leading locations for innovation. The businesses we are attracting here are helping to create job opportunities for local residents and are driving forward the borough's economic growth."

And she added: "Greenwich is renowned for many things around the world. Our historic borough is the home of time and the Prime Meridian has aided navigation around the globe. It is therefore fitting that the Royal Borough of Greenwich should be selected as one of the locations for trialling this new 'driverless' technology - and is the only place in London which will see these vehicles being trialled."

"We really are seeing cutting edge development coming to the area, all of which is aimed at making people's lives easier and safer in the future".

TRL chief executive, Rob Wallis said: "TRL has been innovating in the testing and development of automated vehicles for more than fifty years. The GATEway project will allow us to demonstrate new, innovative automated transport systems to drive safe, clean, efficient and flexible urban mobility."

Good Food pledge launch

ORGANISATIONS are promising to support and promote good food projects in the royal borough.

They'll sign up to a 'Good Food in Greenwich' Charter which will be presented at a launch event on Thursday.

Good Food in Greenwich (Good FiG) is launching its network at West Greenwich House on Thursday December 11 between 4 and 7pm.

Good FiG is a partnership of individuals, businesses, organisations and public sector bodies working towards a fairer, more sustainable, healthier Greenwich while celebrating the rich diversity of the royal borough through vibrant food markets,

festivals, catering and businesses who promise to grow, produce, prepare and share good food that is healthy, sustainable, affordable and accessible to all.

A Good Food in Greenwich Charter will be presented at the launch, with organisations and businesses invited to sign up and pledge to make changes that will support and promote good food in Greenwich.

The event will feature some great local businesses, already working towards Good Food and music to enjoy with food, and activities to keep the kids entertained. If you'd like to attend or find out more, sign up at Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk or follow @foodingreenwich on Twitter

Have your say

on the proposal for a new tunnel under the Thames at Silvertown

We'd like your opinion on a new tunnel at Silvertown, which is part of a package of proposed river crossings. The new tunnel will:

- Provide a new road crossing across the Thames
- Reduce queuing at the Blackwall Tunnel
- Support the creation of new jobs and homes
- Create the opportunity for new public transport connections

We'd also like your views on a proposed range of charging options for the Blackwall and Silvertown Tunnels. Charging would be implemented from the early 2020s once the Silvertown Tunnel construction is complete to help manage demand and fund the new tunnel.

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Message from Chair and Chief Executive of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

"This is an update on developments at Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust. We are responsible for Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich and Lewisham Hospital, as well as a range of community services in Lewisham and some services at Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup.

"It's been a busy year for the Trust and in the following pages you can read about some of the ways we are working to improve services. We would like to thank our staff for their ongoing hard work.

"We still have much to do, and look forward to working with patients, GPs, local people and staff as we continue to build for the future."

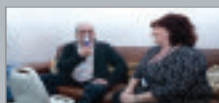


Tim Higginson
Chief Executive



Elizabeth Butler
Chair

About the Trust



Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust was formed in October 2013. The new Trust did not inherit any debts from South London Healthcare NHS Trust and is receiving extra financial support for Queen Elizabeth Hospital's PFI costs.

Over the last year, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust:

- ◆ Had over **500,000 outpatient appointments**
- ◆ Had over **60,000 emergency admissions** and **5,000 elective admissions**
- ◆ Delivered more than **8,000 babies**
- ◆ Provided care outside hospital (in health centres and patients' own homes) on **600,000 occasions**
- ◆ Was named as **one of the top 100 best places to work in healthcare** by the Health Service Journal

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MANAGING BED PRESSURES

Dr David Sulch, Director for Acute and Emergency Medicine, talks about work to increase the number of beds for patients who require treatment after being seen in our emergency departments:

"Quite simply, the biggest problem at Queen Elizabeth Hospital has been that we do not have enough beds for patients who have been admitted through the A&E.

"Building works at both hospitals have been completed to make improvements before winter this year. This includes opening a new 12 bed unit as well as a discharge lounge. We are also working with partners to develop plans for the longer term.

"Of course, you should only use A&E in an emergency and it's important you choose the right service to get the right treatment at the right time. There are a range of NHS services in Greenwich, including GPs, GP out-of-hours, walk-in centres, sexual and reproductive health services, pharmacies and dentists. To find out more, visit www.nhs.uk."



IMPROVING TREATMENT THROUGH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY

The Breast Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital has invested in the latest technology to improve the quality and range of diagnosis available to patients.

A new state-of-the-art device, called the Faxitron, now ensures that breast cancer patients can be X-rayed during surgery, providing instant confirmation of a successful biopsy procedure, removing the need for specimens to be sent to the lab for testing and reducing the amount of time patients will need to spend on the table in surgery.

The Faxitron also allows patients to receive biopsies that are able to detect breast cancer, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for the first time. Previously, local people would have to travel to King's College Hospital for these tests.



NEW BIRTH CENTRE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Women from South East London will soon be able to choose a new birth centre at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for the birth of their babies. This brand new facility will be staffed by midwives and provide a calming, home-like environment.

Head of Midwifery, Helen Knowler, said: "We have listened intently to what women want, and are really grateful for the important input that we have had from the local community. This new facility will be the ideal birthing environment for a huge number of people and we can't wait to welcome women to the Greenwich Birth Centre."

The Trust has also launched the 'Call the Midwife' campaign. "It is really important for women to talk to a midwife soon after they find out they are pregnant", explained Giuseppe Labriola, Senior Midwifery Manager for Community Services and Birth Centres. "Women can call us directly by calling our 'Call the Midwife' hotline (077 8784 1986) and there is no need to visit the GP before getting in touch."

The Trust's Antenatal Team and Supervision of Midwives Team have also recently received awards from Bexley Clinical Commissioning Group and the Local Supervision Authority for their excellent work in providing care for new mothers.





IMPROVING QUALITY AND SAFETY

Dr Elizabeth Aitken Deputy Medical Director – Quality and Safety, talks about the work which is being done to improve services:

“We have developed an improvement plan which addresses all the areas raised in the May 2014 Care Quality Commission (CQC) report.

“Much of the work was already underway as improvements had been identified before the CQC inspections took place. As well as making changes to manage bed pressures (see previous page) we are also:

- ◆ Continuing the Trust recruitment campaign, which was launched earlier in the year following a detailed review of staffing levels. We are working to increase the number of permanent nursing staff by around 220
- ◆ Working with partners to improve how medical waste is handled
- ◆ Making sure that non-alcoholic foam is in use in all public areas
- ◆ Introducing a new hand hygiene communications programme for all staff
- ◆ Improving how we learn from incidents, claims and complaints
- ◆ Reviewing the provision of medical equipment and ensuring regular checks are carried out.”



EXTENDING CRITICAL CARE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

The Critical Care Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital has expanded from 15 to 18 beds.

The specialist unit, which cares for some of the most seriously ill patients in the borough, has also increased the number of nurses to support its growth, recruiting nine new members of staff.

Director of Nursing and Clinical Services, Claire Champion explains: “Critical care units provide intensive treatment and monitoring for people in critically ill or unstable conditions. At Queen Elizabeth Hospital, due to the busy nature of the department, we recruited more nurses to staff the unit”.



LAUNCH OF FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP IN GREENWICH

In March 2014, the Trust extended its support service for young, first time mothers and their babies to families in Greenwich.

The Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) scheme provides ongoing, intensive support to young, first-time mothers and their babies. Structured home visits are delivered by highly trained nurses and start in early pregnancy, continuing until the child's second birthday.

The FNP Team will be based at The Point in Woolwich and they are looking forward to working with young mothers in Greenwich. To find out more, contact 020 8921 4101 or e-mail LG.FNPgreenwich@nhs.net.



NEW BLOOD SERVICE TO BENEFIT 1000 PATIENTS

We have recently started providing a new service in Greenwich for people who are at risk of developing a blood clot.

The service will benefit up to 1,000 patients who currently take special medication (anticoagulants) to reduce blood clotting and prevent deep vein thrombosis, strokes and other life-threatening conditions. These patients would previously have had to travel to hospital to have their blood assessed and their medication monitored. However, eligible patients can now receive the same service in community clinics that are closer to their homes.

Consultant Dr Tullie Yeghen said: “By providing these services in the community we can cut the length of time people have to wait in our clinics and reduce the distance people have to travel for their appointments.”



HAND HYGIENE IS CHILD'S PLAY

Children from Safari and Tiger wards at Queen Elizabeth Hospital have designed a series of eye-catching posters to remind patients and their families to wash their hands.

All of the posters were entered into a competition, with the winning designs to be displayed across all of the Trust's children's departments.

Shelley Mieres, Matron at Queen Elizabeth Hospital said: “Infection control has always been one of our key areas of focus, and we work closely with visitors and our patients to promote hand washing. We also remind staff at all levels of the importance of hand hygiene and the prevention of infection, which is vital to ensure that our patients and families are safe in our care.”



IMPROVING HOW WE MANAGE PATIENT RECORDS

In July 2014, we launched a new system of electronic patient records at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Known as “iCareQEH”, the new electronic system has improved how important patient information is recorded and shared within the organisation.

Dr John O'Donohue, Deputy Medical Director, said: “The new system reduces duplication of patient assessments and frees up health professionals' time so we can focus on providing patient care. Changing how we work is a major challenge, so I'd like to thank staff for their hard work in launching the new system.”

Get involved

We want to involve local people and patients as we build for the future. One of the ways we do this is through our membership programme.

It is free and open to anyone aged over 11 who have used our services or lives in the boroughs of Lewisham, Greenwich and Bexley. You can sign up as a member online at www.lewishamandgreenwich.nhs.uk/member or by calling 020 8314 0481.

If you have any issues which you wish to discuss, you can contact the Trust's Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) – who provide confidential advice and support to patients, carers or relatives. You can contact PALS by calling 020 8836 4592 or by emailing pals.qeht@nhs.net





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Local health chiefs back new 'grow a beard' cancer campaign

by Dan Stephens

MEN are encouraged to grow a beard like Santa this month in a new campaign to raise awareness of bowel cancer.

The NHS Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group is supporting Bowel Cancer UK's campaign urging men to 'Be Brave, Don't Shave' and help beat bowel cancer by taking part in 'Decembeard'. The national campaign is calling on men to lay down their razors and grow a beard to help raise awareness of bowel cancer, its symptoms and the importance of early diagnosis, as well as raise funds help people affected by the disease.

Bowel cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in the UK, affecting both men and women. Every year 41,500 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer, which equates to a diagnosis every 15 minutes. Around 16,000 people die of the disease.

However, if diagnosed at the earliest stage, bowel cancer can be treated

successfully. Over 93 per cent of people diagnosed with bowel cancer at an early stage survive for at least five years.

GP commissioner for cancer Dr Krishna Subbarayan said: "Some symptoms of bowel cancer can be subtle and don't necessarily make you feel ill. Get to know the signs, causes and symptoms of bowel cancer, because the sooner we detect bowel cancer, the sooner we can treat it."

Beating Bowel Cancer advises people to go to the GP if they have any of the following symptoms for three weeks or more:

- A change in bowel habit
- Bleeding from the bottom or blood in your bowel motions
- Pain in your abdomen
- Lump in your abdomen
- Unexplained weight loss
- Unexplained tiredness, dizziness or breathlessness

To join the bearded community, men are encouraged to clean shave, register with the Decembeard website, and collect sponsorship throughout December as their Decembeard grows.

● For more information about bowel cancer, please visit www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk

Support ecology park plan for outdoor classroom

GREENWICH Peninsula Ecology Park is launching a campaign to raise money for a new outdoor classroom.

The park, along with national charity The Land Trust and the Conservation Volunteers (TCV) are campaigning to raise £60,000 to fund the new facility.

The ecology park has been providing educational and health activities since 2002 and has variety of habitats attracting a fascinating array of wildlife.

Senior ranger Joanne Smith said: "This will be such a brilliant resource. We will be able to provide real hands-on learning opportunities for people of all ages, helping them to connect with wildlife and understand the importance of our natural world."

She added: "We're so excited about this and we'd just love people to come down and visit us, see what it's all about and support us in any way they can, from pledging to the campaign, spreading the word or volunteering. Every donation, no matter how big or small will help us achieve our goal."

Simon Pile, Estates Manager at The Land Trust said "This is a major project for us and will make such a difference. It will cost over £150,000 in total and even though we've been able to secure some of this amount from other sources, we need to raise this £60,000 to really make the difference."

● Residents and businesses can find out more about contributing to the campaign. at www.spacehive.com/frog

GREENWICH PENINSULA PUBLIC EXHIBITION

In 2004 planning permission was granted for the Greenwich Peninsula masterplan. Since then, much has changed. Knight Dragon, the master developers of Greenwich Peninsula are revising the 2004 masterplan. The exhibition will provide the opportunity to view the emerging vision.

We welcome your comments on our early proposals.

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Read between the lines

by Ian Lamont

A CALL has gone out to volunteers to help primary schools pupils with their reading.

The idea is being backed by one man who has been going into Fossdene Primary, in Charlton, for three years.

He volunteers as part of the Born to Read scheme, run in partnership by two charities, Beanstalk and Save the Children. It's supported by the royal borough, which has designated 2014 as the year of reading.

Spencer Baldwin told GT: "On a personal level, I'm in my mid-40s as is my wife and we tried for children and couldn't have any, so for me this was a way to spend a little bit of that energy and help people to read."

"I came across the Beanstalk charity and thought I could help."

Spencer was put in touch with Cathie Doyle, headteacher at the school near his home and has been going in two mornings a week, helping the same small group of pupils on a regular basis.

Spencer also sees himself as a mentor to the nine, 10

and 11-year-olds he helps as spending one-to-one time with them means he's also there to listen when they feel they need to talk to an adult.

Pupils pick material they are interested in and develop their skills.

"Comprehension about what they have read is often what they are lacking," said Spencer. "Sometimes they want a word's meaning explained. It depends on the child."

Both Save the Children and Beanstalk are part of a new coalition called Read On. Get On, which aims to get children reading well by age 11, by 2025.

Volunteers should be able to commit to visit schools twice a week during term time and will receive specially designed training so they can deliver one-to-one reading tuition to primary school children.

Cllr John Fahy, cabinet member for children, said: "Greenwich's schools perform well above the national average in getting their children to the required level. Nevertheless, there are many pupils for whom additional one-to-one support from a volunteer can make a tremendous difference."

"This scheme is an opportunity to have a real impact on the lives of young people and I would



READY FOR READING: Volunteer Spencer Baldwin supports Arpan Sapkota, age 10 in Year 5, with his reading

encourage anyone who believes they can help to contact Save the Children and get involved." Catherine Green, headteacher at St Joseph's School, where the scheme also operates, said: "Beanstalk are very valuable to St Joseph's School. They

support vulnerable readers who do not always have the opportunity to read for a variety of reasons."

● **For more information about volunteering for Born to Read call Save the Children volunteer support team 020 7012 6997.**

Burglar caught red-handed

EAGLE-EYED members of the public spotted a man acting suspiciously in Pitfield Crescent, Thamesmead, and called the police.

It led to Thomas Patrick Mongen, aged 47, from Sewell Road, Abbey Wood, being jailed for 12 months for attempted burglary.

Mongen pleaded guilty to the offence, and was sentenced at Woolwich Crown Court.

Neighbours rang the police after seeing him in one of the back gardens in Pitfield Crescent. Response officers from Greenwich arrived within minutes and arrested Mongen on suspicion of attempted burglary. They found a garden fork and a spade had been wedged into one of the properties' patio doors.

Officer in the case DC Scott Albert said: "Thanks to quick-thinking members of the public, we were able to catch Mongen before he could do any damage and steal from any of the houses he had decided to target on the day he was caught. We are really thankful to those who called us - they helped us to catch Mongen and saved their neighbours the heartache of coming home to a house turned inside out by a thief."



JAILED: burglar Thomas Mongen

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The spirit of Chr

Giddy up to panto horse race

Horse racing pundit John McCririck will be donning his infamous deer-stalker to provide the commentary for this year's Pantomime Horse Race through Greenwich town centre.

It's the fifth annual charity race through the town and proceeds are going to the Demelza Hospice for Children.

Over 40 panto horses (not to mention the odd cow and zebra) will take part in the fun-packed comedy race through the streets of Maritime Greenwich on Sunday December 14. The race starts at 11am at Devonport House with horses stopping off at various pubs on the way.

This year's event has a special sci fi theme and will see a pre race procession with a battalion of Stormtroopers led by Darth Vader and R2D2.

Thousands of spectators are expected to line the streets for the race which is fast becoming a popular festive event for all of London and has attracted celebrity support from the likes of Arthur Smith, Harry Hill, and Bill Bailey.

Greenwich town centre traders and business owners have come together to support the event in many different ways.

Local resident and writer/performer Mark Biddiss who launched the event, said: "De Vere Hotel, The Coach and Horses and Goddards Pie and Mash will be looking after the helpers and performers that day, plus there has been support from Pickwick Papers and Greenwich Hour, have all been instrumental in their support for the event plus I have had help and assistance from the royal borough."

He added: "I started the event as a fun way to encourage people to get together in the spirit of community and to raise money for a worthy cause that we can show our support for."

The race is followed by a fundraising 'After-race xmas party' at The Greenwich Tavern featuring comedian Steve Frost as host, along with bands and comedians. Tickets £10 via mark@pantohorserace.org or on the door for £12.

If you cannot make the event you can also donate online via www.justgiving.com/LondonPantomimeHorseRace



PICTURE PERFECT: Year 4 pupil Whitney Agbongiator with the winning Christmas card design



HORSE SENSE: above right, Mayor Mick Hayes meets a pink pony at the Greenwich lights on event, above, participants on a previous race

A child's view of Christmas

TWIN snowmen with some holly and ivy is the winning design of a Christmas card design competition at Cherry Orchard primary school.

The image was drawn by nine-year-old Whitney Agbongiator, from Year 4. The Charlton school is the nearest to the offices of Charlton Triangle Homes which manages thousands of homes in the area. Each year it asks Cherry Orchard pupils to design a Christmas card to reflect the Christmas Season. Staff select the winning design and it's printed and sent out as their corporate Christmas card.

Winning designer Whitney said: "It's the First thing I have ever won! I love it that others will see my art work on the Christmas card. Christmas is my favourite time of year because it makes me feel really happy and it brings my family together. It's a great bonding time!" Louise Mathieson, neighbourhood manager at Charlton Triangle Homes, said: "Each year the children at Cherry Orchard give us a huge range of pictures to choose from. It's wonderful to use a picture of Christmas through a child's eye for our Christmas card."

Cards for go

TWENTY-FIVE charities are set to be from the proceeds of a Christmas pop-up shop in St Alfege's Church. The Cards for Good Causes Charity Shop is now open until Friday December 19 every day from 10.30am - 4.30pm (except on Sundays when it opens at 11.15am after the Morning Service). The shop sells cards for more than 25 charities along with other Christmas essentials such as wrapping paper, cards, Advent Calendars and gift tags. Staffed by volunteers, the shop is part of a UK-wide multi-charity Christmas card organisation. The Greenwich shop also has a stall on Monday and Friday morning at Blackfriars Halls between 9.30am and 2pm - until Monday December 15.

Christmas present



Community celebration

KIDBROOKE'S Halton Court residents are hosting a Christmas Charity Fete in aid of Marie Curie cancer care. The event on Saturday December 13 runs from 12-4pm and will be opened by the Mayor of Greenwich. Activities planned include Santa's Grotto, auctions, tombola, cake stalls, face painting. It all takes place at the Halton Court Village Hall, 1 Cranfield Walk, Kidbrooke.



SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS: pupils from James Wolfe primary school lead the lantern parade

Lads and lasses of the lanterns

PUPILS from four schools helped to launch the countdown to Christmas in Greenwich town centre. Youngsters from St Alfege with St Peters, James Wolfe Primary School for the Deaf, Meridian Primary School and St Matthew Academy Blackheath, made beautiful lanterns inspired by pantomime characters. A gorgeous glass slipper, a massive moo cow, a gi-normous beanstalk, seven dwarfs and many magic wands lit up the streets for a parade. They were joined by Father Christmas and his elf, the Greenwich Mayor and characters from Greenwich Theatre's panto Jack and The Beanstalk. CBeeBies presenter Sarah-Jane Honeywell, Father Christmas and the characters from Jack in the Beanstalk led the countdown for the big Lights On Countdown. The London Metropolitan Brass Band and local 12-year-old violinist Emily Huntington and friends entertained the crowd with the local Waitrose serving mince pies.



CHEQUE MATES: John Anderson, chairman at Berkeley Homes, Lydie Ngala, a trustee for Body & Soul and Richard Blackwood

Riverside revellers

THE WOOLWICH Singers featured as part of the entertainment in a festive concert for a lights-on event on the Royal Arsenal Riverside. Hosted by Arsenal developers Berkeley Homes, the event in Artillery Square included performances from Irish folk singer, Chloe Jac and classical artist Angela Molineux. It was all part of a free community event which included Santa on a sleigh with real reindeers! Throughout the afternoon No. 1 Street was lined with festive stalls including Royal Arsenal Riverside's on site brewery, Hop Stuff and the local Cornerstone Café. Actor/comedian Richard Blackwood did the countdown for Christmas lights switch on. And turned on the lights to a 30ft tree. He also received a £3,000 cheque for his chosen charity - Body&Soul the charity that supports children, teenagers and families living with or affected by HIV. The donation was presented by John Anderson, chairman at



STAR ATTRACTIONS: above, the Woolwich Singers perform for the lights on, a daytime view of the Royal Arsenal tree

Berkeley Homes (East Thames) who said: "This event has allowed us to showcase Woolwich's many talents and the work of local businesses as well as bringing the community together for some free, festive fun!"

Good causes



Local artist, Margaret Donegan who produced a beautiful pastel drawing of Flamsteed House in snow (pictured) for one of the card designs, opened the shop last month. More info on Cards for Good Causes at www.cardsforcharity.co.uk

Denise delivers festive cheer

ROYAL Borough council leader Denise Hyland passed on Christmas greetings to postmen and women at the Eltham Delivery Office last week. She saw the hard work and dedication of postal workers who sort and deliver festive mail during a guided tour by office manager, Grant Smith. Cllr Hyland said: "Our postal workers do such an important job at this time of year and help to deliver Christmas for many people and families in our area. I would like to thank them for their efforts and wish them all the best over the busy festive period." Last



ROYAL MALE: Cllr Denise Hyland sifts through the mail with postie Reece Walker

recommended posting dates for Christmas are: 2nd class - Dec 18; 1st class Dec 20; special delivery Dec 23.



ON THE BUTTON: Left, Greenwich Mayor Mick Hayes joins residents in Kidbrooke Village for the lighting up of a 25 foot Christmas tree in Elford Close. The village centre was a hub for community celebrations with festive stalls, below, during last month's event hosted by Berkeley Homes.



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FESTIVE TRADITION: a poster promo for the latest Christmas play at the Bob Hope Theatre

Understanding the pleasures of pantomime

WHY on earth do the English love panto? Europeans are baffled, Americans bewildered and Asians bored out of their brains. The story is awful, the jokes even worse and the actors inexplicably change roles. But we laugh and we cry, we shout out from our seats and we all have an excellent time.

Theatre in Eltham is a fully-fledged tradition with Christmas plays since the early 1920s. The selection this year though is particularly compelling for if ever a storyline - a hideous monster (King Leon), two wicked sisters (Grace and Patience) and a kind hearted but mistreated daughter - was scripted for panto, it's the 18th century French fairy tale, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Producer, Jim Shepherd, is clear what he wants: "It's a wonderful show but... the emphasis is on having fun as pantomime is often a child's first encounter with live theatre".

Written and directed by John Goodwin and choreographed by Wendy Reynolds, the cast is a mixture of Bob Hope Theatre members and youngsters from local drama schools.

"We're at the heart of the community", Shepherd added. Nicely located just off Eltham High Street, the seating is good, the ambience excellent and the welcome especially warm.

The line up next year is already exciting with two guest productions in rehearsals. Firstly is *Sister Act* (March 25-28) from Eldorado Musical Productions, a local troupe who produce two shows a year. Thereafter, The Roan Theatre plays an old family favourite, *Dad's Army*, with Pike and Mainwaring. So let down your hair and your British restraint and go along with your kids to the panto. Ignore the bad jokes, the worse puns and poor taste and shout "Oh no you can't" and "Behind you!"

Performances are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between December 28 and January 24 2015 including one performance at 5.30pm on New Years Day. www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk to book or call 020 8850 3702.

Richard Morgan

SCENE



PRIMARY school pupils are among the first to enjoy a local theatre company's festive presentation.

The children are being treated to day time weekday performances of *Robin Hood* at Woolwich's Tramshed theatre - home to the Greenwich and Lewisham Young People's Theatre. And unbeknown to them, they are playing their own important role as a test audience for the cast before the public weekend shows.

The chorus includes local young actors and singers from GLYPT's youth theatre programme who are working alongside professional actors for this musical adaptation on the folklore legend.

Twelve young people have been handpicked for the show which began its three-weekend run last week.

This new adaptation of the famous legend follows the rumbustious Maid Marion, as she tries to please her father, seek excitement and find her own identity. When Robin Hood enters the biggest archery competition in the land, the Sheriff of Nottingham gets more than he bargained for...

Created by the award-winning children's theatre writer, Brendan Murray, the play is directed by Jeremy James, artistic director at GLYPT, who explained that the young players won their places after a workshop and auditions.

"Having been in rehearsals with the chorus I know that all of them enjoy being included in a professional show. It's a very unique opportunity for them giving them great experience and responsibility to work hard and perform to the best of their ability."

Equally the actors are excited by the energy and talent that the

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BOB HOPE THEATRE
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ELTHAM
Eltham Choral Society's Christmas concert includes Handel's *Messiah* Part 1 with the Hallelujah Chorus and Carols for choir and audience. At Holy Trinity Church, Southend Crescent, Eltham, December 13 at 7.30pm. Tickets £12/£10. 020 8850 3532 or www.elthamchoral.org.uk

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Youth theatre chorus joins professionals on stage for new Tramshed musical

Rockin' Robin



A CHORUS LINE: some of the young performers with the professional actors, below

young people bring to the rehearsals and performance," he told Scene.

Chorus member Jecoliah, 15, said: "Being in Robin Hood has given me a glimpse of what my career in the future could be like. It has inspired me to pursue my career in the arts."

And 13-year-old Ceylan added: "I've really enjoyed being in Robin Hood because it's given me experience of being in a professional show. The design is amazing and the actors are really friendly."

Last Saturday's show was the gala

performance with proceeds going to support GLYPT's work in helping young people to partake in and enjoy the performing arts.

Robin Hood is at the Tramshed Woolwich 51-53 Woolwich New Road SE18 6ES on Saturdays & Sundays until December 21. Shows at 2pm and 5:30pm. Ticket prices are Adults £10, Child/ Conc £7, Groups of 4 or more £7 each (must include 1 child). Book at www.glypt.co.uk



A history of London Youth

THE fascinating story of the London Youth organisation, which represents 400 youth groups in the capital, is told in a new book by Terry Powley, the Chair of the Greenwich Parks Friends' Forum (pictured).



Terry, a former London Youth trustee, traces the history from its beginnings in the Girls' Club Union in 1880 and the Federation of London Working Boys' Clubs and Institutes in 1887. These organisations evolved and eventually merged to become the Federation of London Youth Clubs in 1999. The book is called 'Getting On With It, a History of London Youth', a title taken from an old annual report, which the author says "captures the sense of realistic and pragmatic endeavour associated with the organisation and its many clubs and projects."

Today, London Youth represents more than 75,000 young Londoners, delivering programmes in every London borough, supporting and challenging young people to achieve their best. The book traces how it evolved against a background of social upheaval and transformation.

London Youth has always been an innovative organisation. In the 1920s it argued for raising the school leaving age; it pressed for more comprehensive medical inspections in the 1930s; and more recently, it has established an anti-gangs project, to combat a growing problem of the times.

Terry said: "The story is both a distinguished and an inspiring one, vividly reflecting the social upheavals and transformations of the last 133 years."

The book costs £10, plus postage if required. It is available from Terry Powley via email to terry@powley.demon.co.uk or by calling 07931 324826.

Dick Townsend-Smith

WHAT'S ON

EAST GREENWICH PLEASAUNCE

December 14, Friends of East Greenwich present the Christmas Pleasaunce 12-4pm with Father Christmas 1-4pm, and carols by Halstow community choir. www.fegp.org

GREENWICH HERITAGE CENTRE

December 20 - Merry Museum Makes, 10am-12pm and 2-4pm, free drop in arts sessions for children and their families. www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/heritagecentre

GREENWICH DANCE

The Borough Hall, Royal Hill
December 13, 3.30pm and 7.30pm - Silver Lining. Bookings on: 020 8293 9741 or www.greenwichdance.org.uk

CHARLTON HOUSE

Thurs, Dec 11 - Festive Reef Making Workshop in association with Tudor Rosette 10.30am - 12pm, £25 per person, including mulled wine, mince pies and other festive refreshment, to book tickets visit www.charltonhouse.org or call 020 8856 3951

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Free lunchtime concerts. Every Friday at 1pm. Call 020 8856 3951.

GREENWICH THEATRE

The Holdalls' Christmas Adventure until Wed, Dec 24. Tickets £13.50, cons £8.50 (both including £1 booking fee). Go to www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk or call 020 8858 7755

GREENWICH BOROUGHWIDE

Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice Christmas events
December 10, 7pm, Light Up A Life service, United Reformed Church, Court Road
Visit www.communityhospice.org.uk, call 020 8319 9230 or email info@gbch.org.uk

PLUMSTEAD

Plumstead Christmas Market - Sat, Dec 13, 11am - 3pm at St Mark's Hall, Old Mill Road, SE18. FREE entry with festive crafts and refreshments on sale provided by local voluntary groups and stalls. www.plumsteadcommunitymarket.wordpress.com



A PARTY atmosphere is promised at a Wassail Night hosted by Global Fusion Music and Arts this Thursday (December 11). The community arts project is holding its annual festive event at Charlton House with seasonal mulled wine, wassail songs and a night of singing for everyone. This year also sees the album launch of Greenwich-based acapella group Morrigan, led by Chris Harrison who launched his own album 'Carols From The Coalfields' back in September. Both albums are released on the Global Fusion Music & Arts record label and the new album by Morrigan

'As The Crow Flies' is a collection traditional seasonal songs including new arrangements of some well known wassail songs. The evening will also see two Charlton singing groups the GFMA and CCRA groups coming together for the first time to perform. Local folk legend Mike Porter is the MC and will be using his beautiful voice to full effect on the night as he adds some of his songs to this rich evening. Admission is £6 which includes one free glass of mulled wine. Tickets available on www.wegotickets.com or on the doors open from 7pm and music starts at 7.30 and ends at 10pm.




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GREENWICH
LONDON SE10 9TX

A record of the application may be inspected by appointment.

Interested parties may make representations to the Royal Borough of Greenwich on this application by no later than **31ST DECEMBER 2014**. Representations can be made in writing, by email or fax to The Licensing Team, Community Safety & Environment, 4th Floor, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, London SE18 6HQ. Tel: 020 8921 8018, Fax: 020 8911 8380, Email: licensing@royalgreenwich.gov.uk. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Prevention of Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Any person who makes a false statement in connection with an application is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

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Apply in one of three ways

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- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

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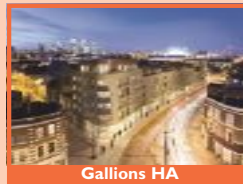
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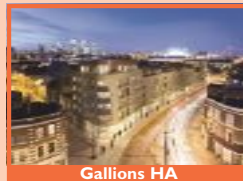
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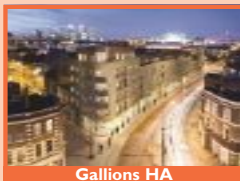
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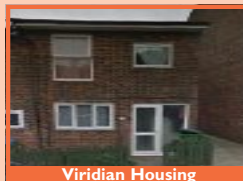
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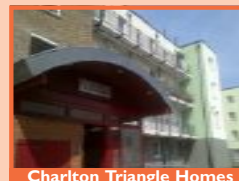
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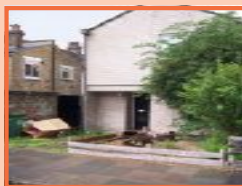
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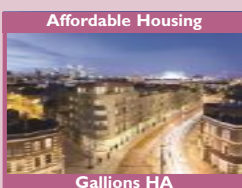
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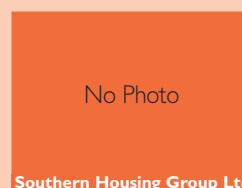


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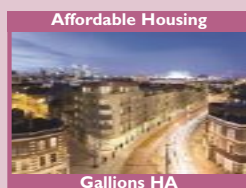
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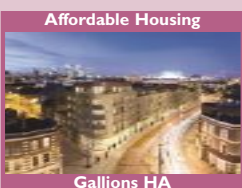
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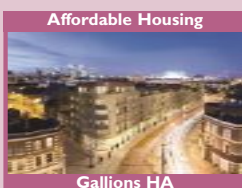
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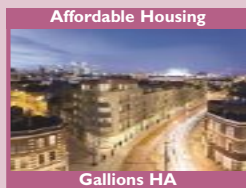
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£195.00 pw

GALLIONS HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES BLACKWALL LANE SE10

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- 2 Gas/electric cookers
- 3 No parking
- 4 No pets
- 5 Affordable/Social Housing



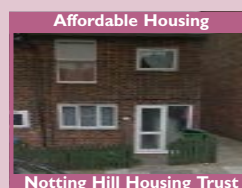
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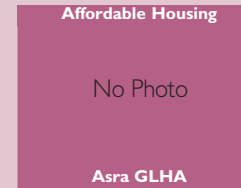
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Rad C/H No Pkg No pets
£200.00 pw



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Blackwall Lane SE10
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
No Pkg No pets
£255.00pw



Affordable Housing
Ref Number: 195313
Ampleforth Rd SE2
4 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£222.96 pw



Affordable Housing
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Dinsdale Road SE3
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ROYAL BOROUGH TENANTS WHO ARE MOVING

DON'T GET A BILL AFTER YOU LEAVE

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To avoid getting an unwelcome bill, follow these rules:

- Repair any damage caused to the property by you, your family or visitors to your home.
- Make good any changes you have made to your property e.g. put back any doors that you have removed.
- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
- Clear all your items from the inside and the outside of the property. This includes any loft space, external cupboards or sheds.
- Return all the keys to the Royal Borough's offices no later than midday on Monday (or Tuesday if it is a Bank Holiday). You will be charged a further week's rent if you do not return your keys on time.

If you leave repairs that are your responsibility, or items that require disposal you will be charged the cost of this work.

Special Collection Service

The Royal Borough offers a Special Collection Service for tenants who are moving and want to dispose of something big and bulky, like a sofa or a fridge, and even unwanted clothes and other textiles.

Simply contact Waste Services on 020 8921 4661 and tell them where you live and what you would like taken away.

Items we will collect include:

Fridges, freezers, washing machines, beds, sofas, clothes and carpets (carpets must be cut up and tied into manageable bundles that one person can carry).

Items we DO NOT collect include:

Fitted kitchens, bathroom suites, boilers, sheds, fences and rubble.

For further information, please contact Waste Services on **020 8921 4661.**

Please leave your home in a good condition!

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 418

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Southport Road SE18 7PL	2	FLAT	422	02/05/2014	B
William Barefoot Drive SE9 3JD	3	PARLOUR HSE	805	08/07/2013	B
Rochester Way SE9 6LJ	3	PARLOUR HSE	836	25/03/2013	B
Dahlia Road SE2 0SY	2	MAISONETTE	341	02/06/2014	B
Cookhill Road SE2 9PD	2	FLAT	289	30/12/2013	B
Crystal House Spinel Close SE18 1LJ	1	FLAT	431	10/01/2011	C
Glyndon Road SE18 7NZ	1	FLAT	521	12/10/2010	C
Rixon House Barnfield Road SE18 3TX	0	FLAT	210	14/02/2011	C
Anstridge Road SE9 2LW	1	FLAT	575	03/05/2010	B
Griffiths House Mayplace Lane SE18 3TR	2	FLAT	266	19/02/2014	B
Alabama Street SE18 2SW	1	FLAT	369	02/09/2014	A
Herbert Road SE18 3SH	2	MAISONETTE	286	02/04/2014	B
Rixon House Barnfield Road SE18 3TX	3	FLAT	297	03/09/2013	B
Ruegg House Woolwich Common SE18 4HA	1	FLAT	407	07/04/2014	B
Godstow Road SE2 9AX	2	MAISONETTE	336	27/09/2010	B
Eglinton Road SE18 3SJ	2	HOUSE	402	17/05/2005	C
Corelli Road SE3 8EL	1	FLAT	357	21/07/2014	B
Biddulph House Rideout Street SE18 5EU	3	FLAT	336	12/12/2013	B
Keightley Drive SE9 2HN	2	MAISONETTE	413	10/02/2003	A
Wickham Lane SE2 0XS	3	HOUSE	492	26/03/2013	B

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For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team on:
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housing-allocations@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Think before you drink

by Simon Banks

YOUNG people downed non alcoholic shots and cocktails as part of a national campaign about drinking responsibly.

They also donned specially-designed 'beer goggles' which simulate the effects of being intoxicated as part of an event at for Alcohol Awareness Week.

It took place at The Point, the centre for young people in Woolwich.

The interactive information event was put on by the Royal Borough of Greenwich as part of branch of Alcohol Awareness Week and aims to educate young people about the dangers of alcohol and the importance of knowing their limits by enjoying alcohol responsibly.

This year's theme was 'Facing our Alcohol Problem - Taking Back our Health and High Streets'.

Young people used beer goggles to simulate being drunk and the effects it has on your vision along with other interactive information.

Gage Clark, 18, from Abbey Wood who tried the goggles, said: "The beer goggles helped me to really understand how alcohol changes how I see things and how it increases the likelihood of having an accident."

Kieran Adams, 16, also from Abbey Wood, said: "I learned a lot about how many calories are in alcohol and the



LEARNING LIMITS: Young residents Gage Clark and Kieran Adams meet staff from The Point in Woolwich to learn more about drinking responsibly, and left, they try out the specially-designed 'beer-goggles'

effects of drinking on your body, it's interesting and important to consider when drinking alcohol."

Young people were also informed about the recommended daily units of alcohol which are 3-4 for a man and 2-3 units for a woman. However, these do not apply because they are under 18 years.

The young participants were shown how to measure the units in drinks and

understand the difference in the strength of the most popular alcoholic drinks.

Young people could also take away more information and free 'spikeys' a device designed to prevent bottled drinks from being spiked.

● **For more information contact**
greenwichyps@kca.org.uk or call 020 8921 6907 or visit KCA Young Persons Services at
www.kcayps.org.uk

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
The Greenwich (Plumstead Station CPZ)
(Parking Places) Order 2014
The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading Restrictions) (Amendment No. 2)
Order 2014
PLUMSTEAD STATION (PL) CPZ REVIEW AND EXTENSION

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Royal Borough of Greenwich proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:

- extend the existing Plumstead Station CPZ to include the lengths of roads referred to in the Schedule to this Notice, providing additional permit holders parking places and single yellow line 'controlled hour' waiting restrictions along with double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions at certain junctions, across certain access ways and at certain other locations to prevent obstructive parking within those lengths and also to provide double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions at the junctions of Glyndon Road with Ann Street, Earl Rise, Elmley Street, Robert Street and South Rise Way and the junctions of Walmer Terrace with Ann Street, Robert Street, Walmer Terrace, Elmley Street, Southport Road and Plumstead High Street;
- provide that the extended CPZ would continue to operate between 9.30am and 11am on Monday to Friday inclusive;
- provide that residents and businesses within the extended CPZ would be eligible to apply for the relevant parking permits and introduce the facility for eligible parties to apply for 'carer', 'disabled', 'temporary' and 'traveller' permits;
- provide shared-use (pay and display and permit holder) parking places in **Invermore Place** and **Villas Road** and convert the permit holders parking places to shared-use (pay and display and permit holder) parking places on the north side of **Walmer Terrace**, between Villas Road and Plumstead High Street;
- provide that the parking places referred to in paragraph (d) above would be available for use between 9am and 5.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive with the cost for pay and display at a rate of 80 pence per hour up to a maximum of £4 which would permit all day parking; and
- revise the definitions of existing parking places and waiting restrictions to accurately reflect their on-site situations and consolidate the Plumstead Station CPZ Orders in to a new parent Order.

3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents, including a map, giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, GRW.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 3915.

5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Royal Borough of Greenwich, PO Box 485, Kemp House, 152-160 City Road, London, EC1Y 2NQ (quoting reference: PL/TH/DC/1400003072), to arrive by 5th January 2015.

6. Persons objecting to the proposed Orders should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 9th December 2014
(signature: JFF: 1400003072/007)

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

SCHEDULE –
additional lengths of road to be included
in Plumstead Station (PL) CPZ

Ancona Road, between the common boundary of Nos. 96 and 98 Ancona Road and its northern extremity; **Ann Street**, between Glyndon Road and Nos. 44/51 Ann Street; **Conway Road**, between Griffin Road and Mineral Street; **Elmley Street**, between Glyndon Road and No. 1 Elmley Street; **Glyndon Road**, between Villas Road and Ann Street and between Elmley Street and Griffin Road; **Griffin Road**, between Glyndon Road and the common boundary of Nos. 90 and 92 Griffin Road; **Invermore Place**, between Walmer Terrace and Plumstead Road; **Robert Street**, between Glyndon Road and Walmer Terrace; and **Villas Road**, between Plumstead Road and a point approximately 80 metres south of Glyndon Road.

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
FERRIER ESTATE – TEMPORARY ROAD
CLOSURES, ONE-WAY WORKINGS, BANNED
URNS AND PROHIBITION ON PARKING,
WAITING AND LOADING

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate drainage and road alignment works and other works associated with the redevelopment of the Ferrier Estate, Billbrook in the streets and lengths of streets specified in sub-paragraph (a) below. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:

- prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Bayly Way, Eldon Way, Elford Close, Elham Green Road, Guller Square, Gerard Way, Lillian Square, Moorhead Way, Pingo Way, Ramona Square, Ryan Close, Turkey Road and Wiggall Road (between Lynne Park Road and Billbrook Park Road);
- suspend any parking places in any of the streets or lengths of streets specified in sub-paragraph (a) above, as and when necessary;
- impose one-way working for vehicles in whichever direction is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, in any of the streets or lengths of streets specified in sub-paragraph (a) above, as and when necessary; and
- prohibit vehicles from making any turning movement at any junction in any of the streets or lengths of streets specified in sub-paragraph (a) above, as and when necessary.

2. The above prohibitions, one-way workings and parking suspensions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Whichever access to properties affected by these works would be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operation of the works.

3. Alternative routes for diverted vehicles would be available via local roads.

4. The Order would come into force on 13th January 2015 and would continue in force until the works have been completed.

5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5159.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 9th December 2014
(signature: JFF: 1400003072/007)

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

Royal Borough of Greenwich
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that applications have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.30pm on Saturday at:

Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT
Also at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning> or at the Library shown between normal opening hours.
If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.
Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.
Please quote the appropriate reference number.
Date: 09/12/2014
Mike Rows - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity for Planning Applications

Applicant: Mr I Robinson FLAT D, 30A CATHERINE GROVE, GREENWICH, SE10	14/1916/F
Development: Installation of 3 nightlights (Reconsultation)	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Conservation Area: AGHURHAM TRIANGLE	
Applicant: Berkeley Homes (East Thames) Ltd BUILDING 11 AND ADJACENT LAND TO THE EAST, DIAL ARCH SQUARE, ROYAL ARSENAL, WOOLWICH, SE18	14/3242/F
Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of buildings up to 9-stories in height to provide 14 new residential dwellings and one ground floor flexible use (Class A1/A2/A3) or A4 unit with associated car and cycle parking at basement level, access, landscaping and amenity space.	
Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Conservation Area: ROYAL ARSENAL WOODWICH	
Applicant: London Green Ltd VALLEY HOUSE, 445 WOOLWICH ROAD, CHARLTON, SE7	14/3258/F
Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of buildings up to 9-stories in height to provide 14 new residential dwellings and one ground floor flexible use (Class A1/A2/A3) or A4 unit with associated car and cycle parking at basement level, access, landscaping and amenity space.	
Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 8NL	
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	
Applicant: Ms L Spencer 17 LUTON PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QE	14/3491/F
Development: Removal and replacement of timber cladding	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	
Publicity for Listed Building Consent	
Applicant: Mr I Robinson FLAT D, 30A CATHERINE GROVE, GREENWICH, SE10	14/3506/L
Development: Installation of 3 nightlights (Reconsultation)	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Conservation Area: AGHURHAM TRIANGLE	
Listed Building: Grade 2	

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

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Valley bound for two pound



UNITED: Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald, CARE partnership joint chairman Martin Simons, CARE Trust Ambassador and former footballer Benjamin Odeje, Cllr Miranda Williams, Adel Khareh from the Greenwich Islamic Centre, reverend Matt Baker the chaplain at CAFC and Charlton Athletic CEO Katriene Meire, celebrate Red, White and Black Day together

by Dan Stephens

Athletic Football Club has announced a day of celebration at the Valley on Saturday December 13 for 'The Youth Day'.

The Youth Day celebrations will take place at the Championship fixture against Blackpool at 3pm, where the Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT) will be offering young people and members of the community a ticket for just £2, with all proceeds donated into community activity.

Youth Day is also celebrating the Charlton Athletic Community Trust

(CACT) winning Sport Team of the Year at the prestigious Beyond Sport Awards 2014 in Johannesburg, South Africa on October 30. The award recognises the successes of CACT's numerous community projects.

CACT were shortlisted for the award ahead of over 350 organisations worldwide. CACT beat off competition from some of the biggest names in world sport to win the award, including the Boston Red Sox and Tottenham Hotspur Foundation.

Charlton's new Junior Council, one of the first of its kind in football, is also set to be launched at the match on Saturday with supporters aged 11-14 selected to

sit on a board alongside Charlton's CEO Katriene Meire, a first team player and development staff. The lucky panellists will assist with making decisions about important issues at the club, being a voice for young fans.

Jason Morgan CEO of CACT told GT: "Youth Day is a celebration and we are grateful to the club for running this event and providing tickets at a reduced price. I'm also grateful that any income generated from the £2 ticket sales is being given to the Trust to invest back into community projects which is very important."

Charlton's owner Roland Duchâtelet told GT: "This partnership between the Council, the club and the Community Trust is a very positive aspect and we are starting to see the result in terms of younger players, which is fantastic, but also the work which has been done."

Red White and Black Day was an example of the work that CACT are doing. Now in its 21st year, Red, White and Black Day tackles racial discrimination and promoting equality within football. Before the game the Charlton squad warmed up in Kick it out T-shirts to show support and Greenwich Powerchair FC and Junior and Senior Woolwich United teams were also honoured for their achievements. Special guest, Benjamin Odeje who also attended the event, is a former Charlton player and the first Black footballer to play for England at any level and now he is the ambassador for equality and diversity at CACT.

● To find out more about CACT and its work in the community visit www.cact.org.uk or for tickets call 03330 14 44 44 and quote the promo code YD14.

Leading by example

INSPIRATIONAL teenager, David Ejinkonye was rewarded for his services to sports by being named Young Leader of the Year at the 2014 Jack Petchey Outstanding Achievements Awards.



The prestigious award was presented at a special event at the Olympic Gallery at John Lewis Stratford City on Wednesday November 19 by successful triple medallist Paralympian Liz Johnson and Ron Mills, Chair of the Jack Petchey Foundation, pictured above. The award reflects the hard work of Abbey Wood resident David, who coached and supported young people to participate in sport at the Panathlon Challenge.

David qualified as a Young Leader in December 2013, when Panathlon ran a training course at St Paul's Academy, one of 13 held across the capital last year.

"It's amazing," said David. "I would have been very happy just to make the top three, but to win it is a big surprise."

The Young Leaders officiated the first round of the South London Panathlon, held at St Paul's in February where David coached young people how to play a game called boccea.

● For more information visit www.panathlon.com or visit www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk

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Application pack available from Jennifer Sinclair on 020 8850 6841 or by email jsinclair@alderwood.greenwich.sch.uk

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful candidates.



Royal Borough Greenwich Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972: SECTION 122

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: SECTION 233

APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to appropriate for planning purposes an area of approximately 38,184 square metres of land at Kidbrooke, SE3 bounded by Kidbrooke Park Road to the west, Station Approach/Tudway Road to the north, Cambert Way to the east and Ryan Close to the south ("the Land"). The purpose of the appropriation is to allow the redevelopment of part of the former Ferrier Estate. The Land includes open space land.

NOTICE is also hereby given that subject to any objections received, the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to dispose of the Land by way of transfer for the purposes of redeveloping part of the former Ferrier Estate for residential housing.

A plan identifying the location of the Land is available for inspection at the Council offices at Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ on any weekday during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended appropriation must be made in writing with reference 41127/KVPh3/App1 before 15/12/2014 and addressed to:

Mike Hows
Assistant Director - Planning,
Directorate of Regeneration Enterprise & Skills,
Royal Borough of Greenwich,
The Woolwich Centre
Wellington Street
London, SE18 6HQ

or email
mike.hows@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Dated 27 November 2014

Mike Hows
Assistant Director - Planning



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Abbie Taekwon-do anything

Abbie Newton in double medal victory

by Simon Banks

TAEKWONDO
talent Abbie Newton is now a gold medallist after winning the top prize at the Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships.

Competing in the cadet category for women's Taekwondo, which represents athletes aged between 12 and 14, Abbie travelled to Edinburgh on Sunday November 16 where she won gold, beating silver-placed China and bronze-placed Australia at the Meadowbank Stadium. There were 64 countries represented at the games.

Abbie Newton, 14, from

Charlton, said: "There were so many people at the championships and the atmosphere was really good but also makes you very nervous, but I was able to win and I feel really happy with myself. I train three or four times a week and have worked really hard, so it was a big relief that the hard work paid off and I was able to win gold."

The gold medallist represented England twice at the games last month, the second of which she competed as part of a team of three. The England team competed in a synchronised event and picked up a respectable silver medal place, beaten by a tough Scotland team.

The Thomas Tallis year ten pupil first started practising Taekwondo at the age of nine at the Tan'Gun Taekwondo Academy in Welling and has since started training in Horley with the Great Britain team.

Abbie recently broke records by becoming the first cadet to qualify for a place at the World Championships in Mexico last October.

"Mexico was really tough, especially acclimatising to the hot temperatures and training at 6am every morning, but I learned so much and now really hope to qualify for the World

Championships next year in Vietnam," said Abbie.

"I just want to keep competing and doing my best by testing myself and learning and hopefully I can keep representing England and Great Britain. I would also like to teach others what I have learned by coaching when I am a bit older. Taekwondo is great because you learn self-discipline, self-defence and stay fit."

The Greenwich Starting Blocks Trust help support young promising athletes; including Olympians Gemma Gibbons and Zoe Smith. The charity helped to fund Abbie's trip to the World Championships in Mexico with extra funding acquired from Thomas Tallis School, who have been very supportive of pupil Abbie.

Abbie told GT: "Being supported by Starting Blocks is great, it's really helpful knowing people are behind you and encouraging you and it makes you want to work even harder. My teachers and friends at school have been great too, they always ask me how everything is going."

● For more information about the Greenwich Starting Blocks charity visit www.greenwichstartingblocks.org

KICKING UP A STORM:
Abbie shows off her moves, above, and Abbie is presented with the gold medal at the Commonwealth Championships, left

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A special 4-page feature on the Royal Borough's campaign against domestic abuse

No longer suffering in silence

Reports and prosecutions have increased thanks to a dedicated team set up to support victims of domestic abuse

IMPRESSIVE results have been achieved by the council-funded specialist police team set up to combat domestic violence in the borough.

Since it started work in June last year the team, based at Plumstead police station, has worked with more than 300 high-risk victims and dealt with 256 domestic violence offenders. It has carried out hundreds of home welfare visits, and helped secure 55 court orders to prevent further abuse.

"The work of the team is revolutionary," says Detective Inspector Scott Walker, who leads the four-person Domestic Violence Intervention Team (DVIT). "So successful are the team that former victims are encouraging others in a similar predicament to contact the team directly, resulting in the increase of domestic abuse reporting to the police."

He says the team has given victims the confidence to support a prosecution or make life-changing decisions to allow them to escape abusive relationships. As a result, DVIT has brought about an 83 per cent reduction in repeat victimisation of the borough's top 11 high-risk domestic abuse victims, and an 80 per cent fall in re-offending by the top 15 offenders.

A royal borough campaign during the World Cup back in the summer also resulted in a significant rise in people seeking help from the Domestic Violence and Abuse phoneline and website.

DVIT team member Det Con Reece Payne told GT: "We are here to help, and no-one should be nervous about approaching us if they feel they are

suffering from, or at risk of, domestic abuse. We have a lot of experience of dealing with different types of situations, and we will work with you to help you get the problem resolved."

The police's Borough Commander, Det Chief Supt Helen Millichap, added: "Our proactive team of specialist detectives from DVIT is working around the clock to ensure that they assist repeat victims of domestic abuse and arrest perpetrators. It is clear to us that by having a dedicated team we can make a difference to repeat victims who need long-term support and reassurance, and who tell us that this works."

Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for community safety

and environment, added:

"Victims of domestic violence should not feel helpless or suffer in silence. Our campaign, working with the police, encourages them to come forward and get help."

"Just as importantly, people should not turn a blind eye if they know or suspect that domestic abuse is taking place, whether it is a friend, a relative, a neighbour or a complete stranger, who may be suffering or at risk. I know full well the impact that domestic violence has on families and on children in particular. We need get it stopped. Please report it, either to the police or to the Greenwich Domestic Violence and Abuse Service on 020 8317 8273."



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP: Borough commander Helen Millichap and Cllr Jackie Smith, the borough's cabinet member for community safety and environment, inset, a campaign poster spreads the message



Tackling domestic abuse is a top priority for royal borough

THE royal borough has made its campaign against domestic abuse one of its top priorities.

The council put up £675,000 to fund it, including financing the DVIT specialist police unit.

The unit works in a similar way to the Violent and Organised Crime Unit (VOCU), the hugely-successful council-funded squad which specialises in taking local gangsters and drug dealers off the streets.

A further £250,000 for the domestic violence campaign has also come from the NHS. So far money allocated includes:

- £36,000 for victim support from voluntary sector organisations at Plumstead Police Station
- £120,000 towards changing attitudes towards domestic violence
- £95,000 towards a new programme to help change the behaviour of domestic violence perpetrators

- £8,000 for a programme to work with medium risk victims.

The NHS is also funding specialist training for staff at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich, to help deal with domestic violence cases, including sharing information and improving information logging. Another £50,000 has been spent to enable the Women's Aid helpline to run five days a week between 9.30am-4.30pm. A further £26,000 is being used for admin support for the multi-agency panel to manage high risk domestic violence cases.

Similar levels of funding will be invested into the campaign next year. The focus will include the impact of domestic violence and abuse on children and domestic violence and abuse involving young people.

● FOR more information, go to www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/domesticabuse Or call 020 8317 8273 for the Greenwich Domestic Violence and Abuse Service.

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Suite success

THE royal borough is working with the police, health services and community groups to offer support to the victims of domestic abuse. It's all part of the Royal Greenwich Against Domestic Violence and Abuse Campaign which aims to raise awareness and encourage the reporting of assaults and abuse. At the heart is a dedicated police team and a domestic violence suite which offers a lifeline to a range of support services



A centre of empowerment

THE Greenwich-based Her Centre supports women in crisis who need advice and support. The centre runs a number of initiatives to empower them to move forward with their lives through free and confidential advocacy, counselling, outreach, advice and training. Centre director Stacy Smith said: "Domestic violence doesn't always mean abuse from a partner. It can also be from a family member such as children or siblings. We're here to help, no matter who is inflicting the abuse."

The centre runs a drop-in session for victims of domestic abuse. Sessions are held every Friday between 10am and 12 noon at the Brookhill Children's Centre in Brookhill Road, Woolwich SE18 6UZ. For more information call 020 3260 7772 or email info@hercentre.org. The service can also give advice to men but asks that they first. Call 020 3260 7715 or 020 8317 8273 for more information.

The Her Centre's One Stop Shop was set up nearly four years ago and offers drop-in advice to abuse sufferers who are too afraid to approach the police or other services, or just wanting advice before deciding what they will do.

The centre's volunteer solicitor gives free advice on getting protection orders, divorce and child contact, and can take on cases for protection orders where eligible for legal aid. Where women are not able to get legal aid, the One Stop Shop can sign post to the Her Centre Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy service for help with legal actions through staff and volunteer law students. Where women want more general advice, one of the advisers can help and refer people to the appropriate service.



HELPING OTHERS: former victims are encouraging others in a similar predicament to contact the DVIT

First port of call

Call the GDVA Referral & Advice Line on 020 8317 8273. For more information visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/domesticabuse or www.gdva.org.uk
Call 999 in emergencies

Advocates who are specially trained

THE Her Centre has a team of specially-trained independent domestic violence advocates (IDVAs) who work directly with victims in confidence, and help them turn their lives around.

One is Dorothy, who lives in the borough with her teenage son. She specialises in working with younger women and said: "I work mainly with teenage girls, who are usually referred to us by the police, the social services, or other agencies. Their problems centre around sexual and physical abuse - often involving gang rape, partners, friends or family members."

"I've had 26 clients since I started this work

in September, including girls aged between 14 and 17.

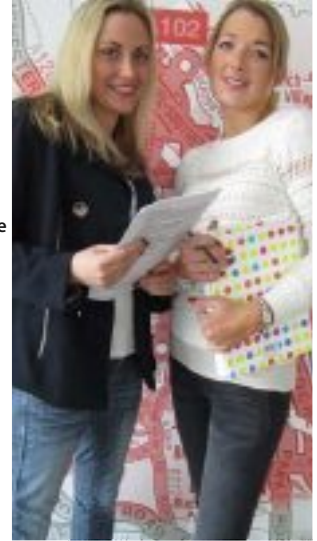
"When they become my clients I do a risk assessment and I ask them what they want from our sessions together - we usually hold six or seven. I talk to them about what is a healthy relationship, and discuss plans to keep them safe when they go out. I use a set of 'activities' cards to discuss their lifestyles, for example one shows a mobile phone, and we talk about why it's important to keep it charged and in credit. "I tell the girls what their options are, and talk about the things that we can put in place. Because of their ages it can

take time to judge. Pointing out violence had a partner used violence and her to before about injuries has no support

DON'T TURN A BLIND EYE

Support for the next generation

ALSO now working closely with the Her Centre is Kidbrooke mum Cassie Taylor, who set up the award-winning F.A.C.E. support group for domestic violence victims with her friend Faye Garwood. She now chairs a steering group which looks at what help is available locally, and how it can be updated and implemented. She said: "I gave a presentation to some of the borough councillors at the Town Hall in Woolwich, and talked about where there were gaps in the services available. The DVIT helped me when I suffered from domestic violence, and they came to my house, took me to the court, and gave me practical help and support. I fed back to the council how valuable a job they do." The F.A.C.E. support group meets every Friday at Middle Park



FACE OF SUPPORT: Faye Garwood and Cassie Taylor

Community Centre between 10am and 12.30pm, and encourages domestic abuse victims to go along. Said Cassie: "We have also worked with Greenwich Community College with younger girls aged from 16 to show them that domestic abuse is not normal, so that hopefully the next generation won't stand for it."

The steps to freedom and to finding sanctuary

THERE are range of services operating in the royal borough for those who require support around domestic violence and abuse. The charity Housing for Women runs a Referral and Information service offering support and advice to women and those living, working and studying in Greenwich. This includes helping them to assess and define the nature of the abuse experienced, talking through available options, and support in reporting abuse to the police. Housing for Women also coordinates the Freedom Programme; a 12-week course designed for women victims of domestic abuse which examines the roles played by attitudes and beliefs on the actions of abusive men and the responses of victims and survivors. Chole attended the Freedom Programme and told GT: "I would definitely recommend it to other people. This programme helps people recognise the

signs that could mean a bad relationship. The facilitators are well trained and help with all the basics – everyone there has been through the same thing so there is lots of support at hand." Sarah, another participant said: "It has helped me to learn and know that I do not have to accept violent behaviour." Margaret said: "I have confidence. I understand abusive behaviour. I have knowledge." Housing for Women also coordinates referrals to the Sanctuary Project for the royal borough. This Project offers practical help to victims of domestic abuse, enabling them to stay in their own home by

offering enhanced security measures, quick police response and support from local agencies. Women who are referred to Sanctuary are also offered Floating Support. Floating Support is a free service, which provides practical and emotional support to enable a woman who has experienced domestic abuse to live independently away from the abusive situation. This support is available for women who have been or remain living with an abusive person in the community. ● To find out more visit www.gdva.org.uk or call 020 8317 8273, email: referrals_GDVA@h4w.co.uk

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time for them to trust me, but I take to explain that we are not here to be mental." ing to one case, she said: "Domestic violence often involves their partners. I 16-year-old girl who split up with her, who was also 16. The violence he was extreme – she had lots of bruises he put a knife to her throat, and forced to have sex. It took three months she could open up and talk to me it. She has now left him and got an action where he can't get at her. She now told her mum about it, and she is reporting her."



SAFETY LINE: funding means the GDVA referral and advice line can be available for longer hours.



ON THE MOVE: watch out for posters on local buses which are helping to spread the message that domestic violence is never ok

Advice and support for LGBTQ victims of abuse

SUPPORT and advice in a safe and secure environment is available for victims of domestic abuse who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning their sexuality. (LGBTQ).

The METRO charity in Greenwich provides a range of services for people who have been a victim of physical abuse or who are experiencing other kinds of abuse including psychological, homophobic or prejudice-based abuse.

Peter Vittles, mental health capacity and strategy officer at METRO, said: "METRO is concerned about the very high levels of unreported domestic abuse affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people, and the low level of awareness of the issues.

We continue to offer support to all LGBTQ people who face these issues, to enable them to rebuild their lives, as well as advocate for greater awareness among service providers of the needs of victims."

Research shows that 1 in 4 LGBTQ people have experienced domestic abuse in some way with the figure being much higher for LGB people with disabilities and trans people. Abuse can commonly be from a family member or close friend with 42% of gay or bisexual men having been subject to abuse of this nature.

Reasons given for waiting so long before seeking help range from fear of not being taken seriously or believed and a lack of awareness of staff in services available. Victims may blame themselves for abusive relationships, and may not realise that the abuse is taking place until they find themselves isolated from their friends or support network by the actions of an abusive partner.

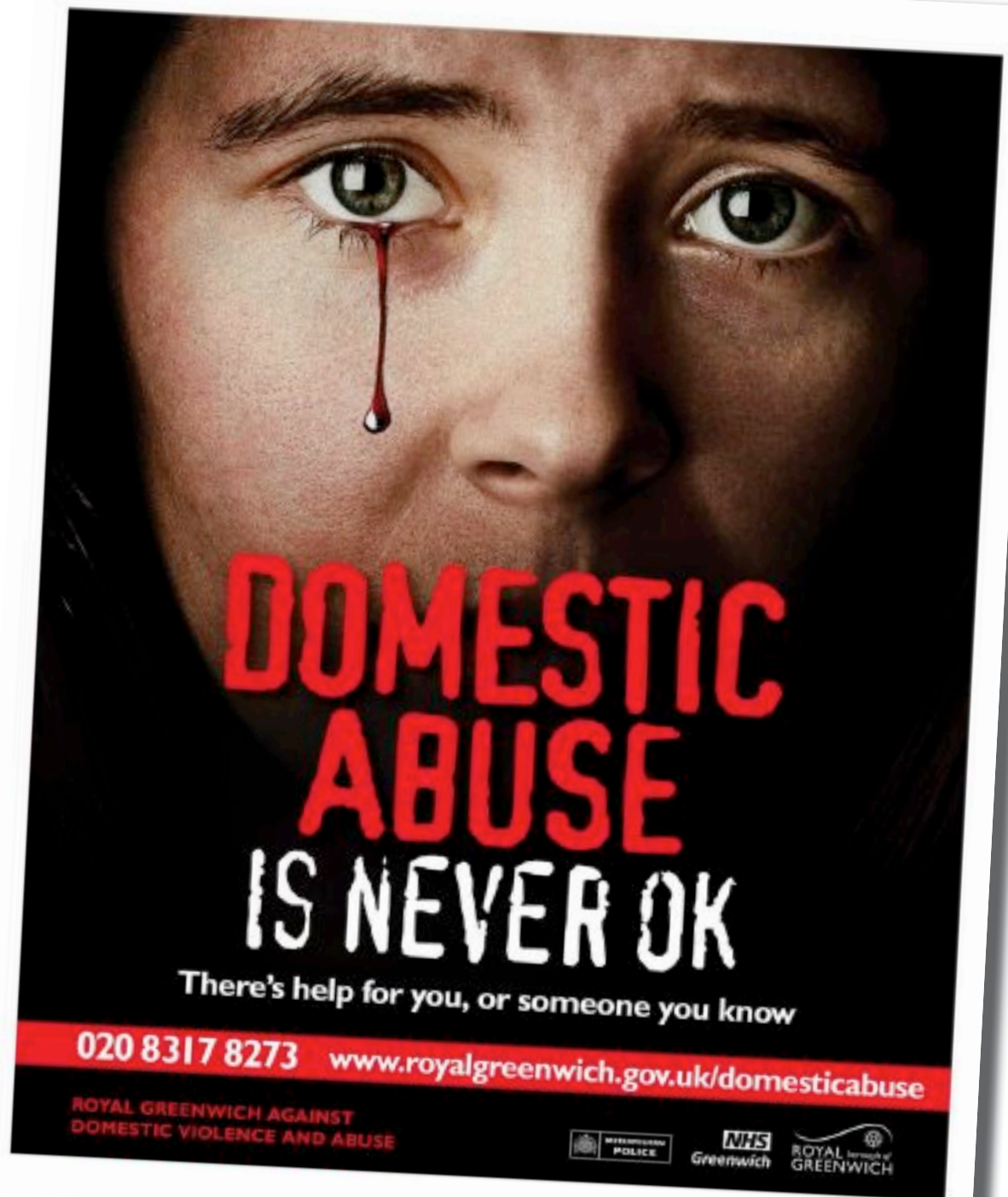
● For more information about the services available visit www.metrocentreonline.org/advice-and-info

'We continue to offer support to all LGBTQ'

Support for victims using health services

NHS Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has joined with Greenwich Council in tackling domestic violence and abuse across the royal borough. CCG is providing £250,000 to increase support for local people affected by domestic abuse - whether they are directly affected, concerned about someone else who is, or a perpetrator wanting to change their behaviour. The funding is being used to extend the operating hours of the free-phone helpline, improve

the Greenwich Domestic Violence Awareness website and to fund the borough-wide public campaign. It's also being used to help victims of domestic abuse who may be using services in Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Hospital Trust to ask for help and access support. In addition to this, the CCG is also working with the children's charity Barnado's to offer early help and support through GP practices to families with children being affected by domestic violence and abuse.



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